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SUBJ: MEMO ON ORGANIZATION OF ARAB BOYCOTT OFFICES

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1. THE REGIONAL SYRIAN BOYCOTT OFFICE IS ATTACHED TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. ITS DIRECTOR IS MUHAMMAD AJAMI, A MIDDLE-LEVEL BUREAUCRAT, AND HIS OFFICE'S MAJOR FUNCTION IS TO SERVE AS LIAISON BETWEEN THE CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE (CBO) AND THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT. IN CONTRAST WITH OTHER REGIONAL BOYCOTT OFFICE DIRECTORS, AND IN FLAT CONTRADICTION OF STANDARD CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE POLICY, AJAMI REFUSES TO SEE OFFICERS OF FOREIGN COMPANIES AND WILL DEAL ONLY WITH SYRIAN MIDDLEMEN. (ACCORDING TO THE CBO, COMPANIES DEALING WITH THE BOYCOTT MUST NEVER USE MIDDLEMEN AND DEAL WITH THE REGIONAL OFFICES, NOT WITH THE CBO) AJAMI IS DESCRIBED AS A GTE FRIGHTENED BUREAUCRAT UNQTE BY LOCAL BUSINESSMEN, AND HIS OFFICE GENERALLY DISREGARDED BY EVERYBODY IN DAMASCUS.

2. THERE IS A BOYCOTT ENFORCEMENT OFFICE IN THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE THAT DOES THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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